

**Utah Renewable Energy Initiative Focus Group  
Final Report – 10/19/07**

Page	Reached Consensus	No Consensus
<b>General</b>		
3 / 9	List of benefits of renewable energy resources	
4 / 9-10	List of barriers to renewable energy development	
10-11	List of economic and regulatory conditions, policies or programs that influence how much renewable energy will be developed	
<b>Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) for Utah – yes or no?</b>		
13		Need for a RPS
<b>Elements of a Utah RPS (if any)</b>		
13		Mandatory v. voluntary targets
17		Preliminary target
19		Definition of “renewable energy” resource
20		Compliance / interim targets
21	Renewable Energy Certificates: Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) should be used to measure compliance.	
22	Issuance of RECs: State governing body should oversee certification of RECs.	
23	Existing facilities: Project eligibility needs to be determined and needs to address resource type, vintage (i.e. commercial operation date), and geographic location criteria.	
24	REC trading: Before unbundled RECs can become a compliance mechanism, changes may need to be made to the existing regulatory framework.	
25	Recovery of costs: Prudently incurred costs should be recoverable.	
26	Cost caps: A mechanism to protect against unreasonable price increases is needed.	
27	Alternative compliance payments: Before alternative compliance payments (ACP) can become a compliance mechanism, changes may need to be made to regulatory framework.	
28		Green power programs for all utilities
29	List of additional issues that need to be addressed regarding a Utah RPS (if any)	
<b>Incentives to Foster Renewable Energy Project Development</b>		
5 / 31	Current incentive programs should be expanded.	
5 / 31	New incentives should be created.	
5 / 31	Incentives should be implemented for a continuous period of time that will be consistent with the planning horizon and implementation schedule of any proposed RPS targets.	

Enhancement of Transmission and Distribution System		
5-6/32-33	The state should fund transmission studies, possibly through the use of a state infrastructure authority.	
5-6/32-33	Transmission improvements could aided by the establishment of renewable energy development zones (REDZs)	
5-6/32-33	A funding source needs to be identified for renewable energy projects and zones and for interconnection studies.	
5-6/32-33		Timing and cost of smart grid technology
Items for Additional Study		
6 / 36	List of recommendations to enhance transmission and distribution system	